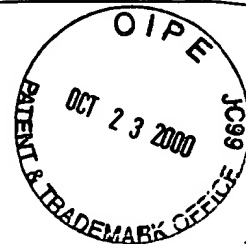
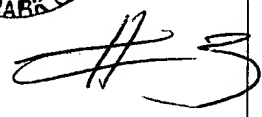


Declaration for Patent Application

English Language Declaration



AS A BELOW NAMED INVENTOR, I HEREBY DECLARE THAT:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, 

I believe I an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "CARD WITH INCREASED GRIPABILITY"

the specification of which was filed on July 6, 2000 as United States Application No. 09/611,320


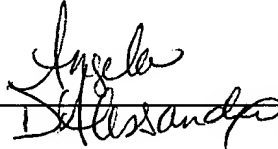

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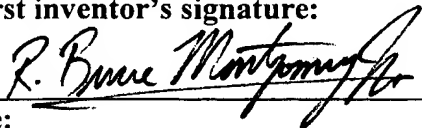
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of the United States application listed below insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112. I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, C.F.R. § 1.56 which became available between the filing of the prior application and the filing of this application.

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Bank of America Corporation, a corporation of the State of Delaware, United States of America, having principal place of business at 100 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28255, United States of America, is assignee of the entire right, title and interest for the United States of America (as defined in 35 U.S.C. § 100), by reason of an Assignment to the Assignee executed on 10/10/00; 09/26/00; 09/29/00 of an invention known as Card With Increased Gripability, (Attorney Docket No. 16762.085-US01), which is disclosed and claimed in a patent application of the same title by the inventors Richard J. Collins; R. Bruce Montgomery, Jr.; Allen Kendle, (said application filed on July 6, 2000 at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, having Application Number 09/611,320).

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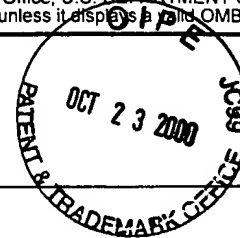
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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)



Applicant: Richard J. Collins; R. Bruce Montgomery, Jr.; Allen Kendle

Application No.: 09/611,320 Filed: July 6, 2000

Entitled: Card With Increased Gripability

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October 16, 2000
Date

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Typed or printed name

Assistant General Counsel
Title

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS We, the below named inventors, hereinafter referred to as Assignors, have made an invention entitled: Card With Increased Gripability

for which We filed an application for United States Letters Patent on July 6, 2000, Serial Number 09/611,320, and

WHEREAS BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION, a corporation of the State of Delaware, whose post office address is 100 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28255, United States of America, (hereinafter referred to as Assignee), is desirous of securing the entire right, title and interest in and to this invention in all countries throughout the world, and in and to the application for United States Letters Patent on this invention and Letters Patent to be issued upon this application;

NOW THEREFORE, be it known that for good and valuable consideration, receipt of which from assignee is hereby acknowledged, We, as assignors have sold assigned, transferred, and set over, and do hereby sell, assign, transfer, and set over unto the assignee, its lawful successors and assigns, our entire right title and interest in and to this invention, and this application, and all divisions, and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereon, and all reissues thereof, and all rights to claim priority on the basis of this application, and all applications for Letter Patent which may hereafter be filed for this invention in any foreign country and all Letters Patent which may be granted on this invention in any foreign country, and all extensions, renewals, and reissues thereof; and We hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States and any official of any foreign country whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as described above, to issue all Letters Patent for this invention to assignee, its successors and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this Assignment.

AND, WE HEREBY further covenant and agree that We will, without further consideration, communicate with assignee, its successors and assigns, any facts known to us respecting this invention, sign all lawful papers when called upon to do so, execute and deliver any and all papers that may be necessary or desirable to perfect the title to this invention in said assignee, its successors or assigns and to perform others such acts as Assignors lawfully may perform, that may be deemed necessary by Assignee, its successors, assigns and nominees, fully to secure Assignee's interest as aforesaid and to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for this invention in the United States and any foreign country.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands.

County of Cook
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ss.

Richard J. Collins
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Date

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 10th day of October 2000.

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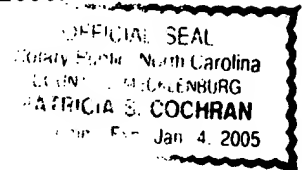
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